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Subject Homer Annexation Remand Comments

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Greetings:

I am one of the respondents of the Homer Annexation action. The state superior court remanded that annexation back to the LBC because it was poorly executed, the issue of the KESA fire service area is really only one of many deficiencies of work performed for the Commissioners by LBC staff on the Homer Annexation. Albeit that the Homer annexation was a complex task. The local citizens' wishes were disregarded. The annexation should have to go back to the Legislature at the very least. I think it should be dropped and Homer should get the citizens concurrence, there is something wrong when a city has to use the state government to force the local citizen into something they do not want and are unlikely to gain any advantage from. We have government in America to provide necessary services, not to dictate to the proletariat (citizens).

I believe the fire service area (KESA) formed around the city of Homer was necessary and timely. It formalized fire service responsibilities in the surrounding area and took care of **the one service** that was needed in the near and far areas surrounding Homer. The original (Larger) fire service area provided an adequate tax base for fire and emergency services. The annexed area took 20% and 1/3 of the tax base away from KESA. Along with the contract with the city to manage and provide fire and EMS, the service area is left with far fewer funds. Even so KESA has a large fire station 15 miles east from town under construction, a new fire truck, several ambulances, a buried 10,000 gallon fire water source to the NW of town. We need another fire station in that NW area. Fire and emergency service would best be served by a single entity ? an area wide fire service area, not by two as we have now.

I think the Homer annexation should be rethought and over turned. Let Homer sell the Idea and come back to **the people** in five years. Minimally this should go before the legislature for approval or rejection.

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